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PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

For the third regular session of 1995 of the
Executive Board to be held at United Nations
Headquarters from 18 to 22 September 1995

SUMMARY

The present document contains the provisional annotated agenda and organization of work for the third regular session of 1995 of the Executive Board. The annex provides the proposed timetable for the session.

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PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

1. Opening of the session: statements by the President and the Executive Director

Introductory statements will be made by the President of the Executive Board and the Executive Director.

2. Adoption of the provisional agenda and timetable and organization of work
[FOR ACTION]

The provisional agenda has been structured in accordance with relevant Executive Board decisions, as well as with the guidance received from the Bureau. It takes into account the comments made by delegations on an outline of the draft agenda that was circulated at the Board on 26 May 1995 during its annual session.

3. Management review of UNICEF
[FOR INFORMATION - E/ICEF/1995/CRP.48]

This is an update of management actions which includes relevant information as of early August, also taking into account the deliberations of the Steering Committee meeting held in July 1995.

4. Progress report on the audit of the Kenya country office
[FOR INFORMATION - E/ICEF/1995/AB/L.17]

As requested by the Executive Board at its 1995 annual session (decision 1995/19), this report provides further information on both the specific situation in the Kenya office audit and the steps being taken to strengthen financial management, accountability and oversight in UNICEF.

5. Health strategy for UNICEF
[FOR ACTION - E/ICEF/1995/11/Rev.1]

On the advice of the Executive Board at the pre-session informal briefing held on 11 May 1995, consideration of this agenda item was deferred to the third regular session of 1995. Board members may recall that consideration of this strategy paper had previously been deferred from the second regular session of 1995 on the advice of the Board at the pre-session briefing held prior to that session as the document was not available in languages. The document was first presented to the Board at its third regular session in October 1994 (see the report on the 1994 Executive Board sessions (E/ICEF/1994/13/Rev.1), paras. 466-477).

The report had been prepared in response to Executive Board decision 1992/22 (E/ICEF/1992/14), which requested UNICEF to elaborate further its health strategy in the context of community-focused health sector development. It also (a) responds to guidance provided by delegations following review of an initial report that was submitted to the third regular session of 1994; (b) incorporates the outcome of consultations with countries and major international partners of UNICEF in the health sector; and (c) reflects the findings of the 1992 multi-donor evaluation of UNICEF in the health and nutrition sectors.

As requested by the Board, the report was shared with members of the UNICEF/World Health Organization (WHO) Joint Committee on Health Policy, and their written comments, as received, have been appropriately incorporated in this revised document.

The Executive Board may wish to consider and adopt the draft recommendation on the health strategy for UNICEF contained in the report.

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6. Follow-up to the International Conference on Population and Development
[FOR ACTION - E/ICEF/1995/12/Rev.1]

At its second regular session of 1995, the Executive Board considered a report identifying priority areas for UNICEF in the follow-up and implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (E/ICEF/1995/12 and Corr.1). Based on its review of that report, the Board, in its decision 1995/11, requested the secretariat to submit at its third regular session of 1995 a revised paper, taking into account the comments made by Board members. At its 1995 annual session, it was decided to consider this as a separate agenda item.

The Board may wish to adopt the draft recommendation contained in the report.

7. Administrative and programme support budget: baseline budget estimates for the biennium 1996-1997
[FOR ACTION - E/ICEF/1995/AB/L.5]

and

8. Global funds programme baseline budget recommendation for the biennium 1996-1997
[FOR ACTION - E/ICEF/1995/AB/L.10]

On the advice of the Executive Board at the pre-session informal briefing held on 11 May 1995, consideration of these agenda items were deferred to the third regular session of 1995.

Board members may recall decision 1995/6, adopted at its first regular session of 1995, which postponed the preparation of the administrative and programme support budget and the global funds programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 pending the Board's decision on implementation of the management review of UNICEF. It was agreed in the same decision that the secretariat should submit a budget for the period 1996-1997 using the 1994-1995 budget as a baseline. The decision further states that the Board may consider, as necessary, budget revisions submitted by the secretariat during the remainder of 1995 and in 1996 and 1997.

The Executive Board is requested to approve the administrative and programme support baseline budget estimates for the 1996-1997 biennium and the global funds programme baseline budget recommendation in the 1996-1997 biennium.

The Board also will have before it for review the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on these documents (E/ICEF/1995/AB/L.12).

9. Financial medium-term plan for the period 1995-1998
[FOR ACTION - E/ICEF/1995/AB/L.13]

Presented annually as mandated in its decision 1990/1, the Executive Board is requested to approve the financial medium-term plan for the period 1995-1998.

10. UNICEF financial reports and statements
[FOR INFORMATION]

These reports, which are presented for review and noting, include:

(a) Interim financial report and statements for the biennium ended 31 December 1994 (E/ICEF/1995/AB/L.14);

(b) Harmonization of the presentation of the financial statements and the budgets (E/ICEF/1995/AB/L.15);

(c) Review of expenditures in excess of commitments and unspent commitments for completed projects financed by supplementary funds (E/ICEF/1995/AB/L.18).

11. Follow-up to decisions taken by the Economic and Social Council
[FOR INFORMATION - E/ICEF/1995/CRP.47]

The Executive Board decided to include this item on the agenda at its third regular session of 1994 (decision 1994/R.3/9). The document contains information on resolutions/decisions/recommendations emanating from the 1995 substantive session of the Economic and Social Council that may require the attention of the Board.

12. Working methods and procedures of the Executive Board, including the format of future Executive Board decisions
[FOR ACTION - E/ICEF/1995/CRP.46 and Add.1]

In accordance with the decisions of the Executive Board at its 1995 annual session, this document incorporates recommendations on the format of future Board decisions and the working methods and procedures of the Board.

13. Issues to be addressed at the 1996 Executive Board sessions and programme of work
[FOR ACTION - E/ICEF/1995/CRP.44]

The Executive Board will consider the issues to be addressed at the 1996 Executive Board sessions and its programme of work, including the allocation of items and organization of work for the 1996 sessions, for approval.

14. Other matters

Under this agenda item, the Executive Board will have before it for information the following documents:

(a) Supply operations (E/ICEF/1995/AB/L.16);

(b) Contributions from Governments and other sources (E/ICEF/1995/CRP.45).

In addition, the Board may consider discussing any issue that it finds timely and appropriate under this item. The report of the open-ended working group on follow-up to the multi-donor evaluation, as requested in decision 1994/A/8, has been deleted as an agenda item because the working group has not convened. Board members who have related observations may make them under this agenda item.

15. Concluding remarks

The Executive Director and the President will make concluding remarks, followed by the closure of the session.

Annex

PROPOSED TIMETABLE AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK FOR THE THIRD REGULAR
SESSION OF 1995 OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, 18-22 SEPTEMBER *

MONDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER	a.m.	Item 1	Opening of the session: statements by the President and the Executive Director
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	p.m.	Item 3 (continued)	Management review of UNICEF
		Item 4	Progress report on the audit of the Kenya country office
TUESDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER <u>1/</u>	a.m.	Item 5	Health strategy for UNICEF
WEDNESDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER <u>2/</u>	a.m./p.m.	Item 6	Follow-up to the International Conference on Population and Development
		Item 7	Administrative and programme support budget: baseline budget estimates for the biennium 1996-1997
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		Item 9	Financial medium-term plan for the period 1995-1998
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* When consideration of an agenda item concludes ahead of the allocated time, the next item on the agenda will be taken up for consideration and the subsequent timetable adjusted accordingly.

1/ No afternoon session in view of the opening of the fiftieth session of the General Assembly.

2/ Subject to General Assembly approval.

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THURSDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER 2/	a.m.	Item 11	Follow-up to decisions taken by the Economic and Social Council
		Item 12	Working methods and procedures of the Executive Board, including the format of future Executive Board decisions
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	p.m.		Other issues, including the management review of UNICEF
FRIDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER 2/	a.m./p.m.	Item 14	Other matters
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